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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,174,997, (Chaganti and Dalla-Favera) issued January 16, 2001. (**Exhibit 1**)
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,641,672, (Dalla-Favera and Chaganti) issued June 24, 1997.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,882,858, (Dalla-Favera and Chaganti) issued March 16, 1999.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,149,628 (Croce) issued September 22, 1992.
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The subject application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/268,202, filed March 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,997, issued January 16, 2001, a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/553,541, filed May 28, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,882,858, issued March 16, 1999, national stage of PCT International Application No. PCT/US94/06669, filed June 9, 1994, a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/074,967, filed June 9, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,641,672, issued June 24, 1997.

References 2-16 were either submitted to and considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in an Information Disclosure Statement, or cited by the Examiner, in connection with Serial No. 09/268,202. Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of references 2-16 need not be provided to the PTO, since they were

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previously submitted in an application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Courtesy copies will be provided to the Examiner upon request.

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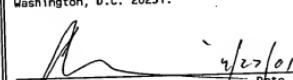
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